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LETTER REGARDING U S EPA REGION I COMMENTS ON DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION
FOR OPERABLE UNIT 9 (OU 9) NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
8/29/2013
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**Re: EPA comments on Navy's July 29, 2013 Draft Record of Decision for Operable Unit 9,
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine**

Dear Ms. Middleton:

I have reviewed the subject documents provided by the Navy. The Agency's comments are provided below:

1. Section 2.1: Change the last sentence from "The Navy is the lead agency for CERCLA activities at the facility, and USEPA and MEDEP are support agencies." to "The Navy is the lead agency for CERCLA activities at the facility, and USEPA and MEDEP provide regulatory oversight."
2. Table 2-2: In footnote no. 1, change "...occupational works for exposure..." to "...occupational workers for exposure..."
3. Section 2.6, page 17: In the 2nd full paragraph on page 17, change "...for occupation workers..." to "...for occupational workers..."
4. Section 2.8: At the end of the 2nd full paragraph it is stated "The cleanup level was developed using site-specific exposure assumptions and based on a chemical-specific cancer risk of 1×10^{-4} ." Please clarify, because it is unclear whether or not the cleanup level for each individual carcinogenic PAH is 1E-04 or whether the cleanup level for all carcinogenic PAHs combined is 1E-04. Please provide documentation for derivation of cleanup levels in Appendix D.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at audet.matthew@epa.gov or 617.918.1449.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew R. Audet." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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